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<u>IN THE SPECIFICATION</u>

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 1-6 with the following amended paragraph:

(d) the second party verifying that the first digital data is valid, and if the verification is positive, the second party accepts the ~~second~~ <u>first</u> digital data; otherwise, the second entity sends the encrypted first digital data and the second digital data to a third party, <u>the</u> third party having a decryption key to decrypt the encrypted first digital data; and

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